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The Honorable
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. William E. Foley
Chief, Foreign Agents
Registration Section
Criminal Division

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In accordance with the understanding between you and Mr. Lawrence H. Houston of this Agency in your discussion on 17 October 1950, we wish to propose the following liaison arrangements for carrying out the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 which require registration of persons who have knowledge of or who have received instruction or assignment in espionage, counterespionage or sabotage service or tactics of a foreign country. [redacted] CIA Code 143 - [redacted] is authorized to carry on direct liaison with your office in respect to this matter as outlined below.

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It is assumed that there will be a certain number of voluntary registrations and in such cases the approach will be made normally to the Department of Justice. Such names as are thereby registered would be of public record and we would appreciate being placed on the routine dissemination list. For those who should register under the Act and who do not do so, we understand that your information will normally come from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Any such information received by us will be forwarded to the FBI through normal channels. However, please feel free at any time to call upon this Agency to determine whether we have or can develop further information in any specific case.

Of particular interest to CIA is the situation where you receive sufficient information to require enforcement action by you under the Act. We understand that the first step would be to request the individual to register or indicate why registration

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would not be required. Prior to such action it would be appreciated if inquiry would be made of this Agency as to whether this Agency has further information or comment to make in connection with the registration. This would give CIA an opportunity in those rare cases where it might have a direct interest in the individual concerned to exercise the discretion granted by the Act to the Director to make a determination that registration would not be in the national interest. In such cases [redacted] will work out with you a procedure for informing you that such a determination has actually been made without revealing any direct interest on the part of CIA. In some cases the Attorney General may see fit to exercise a similar discretion granted him, and we would expect from the Department of Justice only such information in respect to those cases as the Department saw fit to forward to us.

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We understand that a procedure has not yet been established through which the Attorney General would make his determination under the Act, and we would appreciate it if you would discuss such procedures with [redacted] so we may model those of CIA in so far as possible after those of your Department.

Sincerely,

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